

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME**

**Call to Order:** Chair John Brenden, on January 29, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Brenden, Chair (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Emge, Committee Secretary  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 189, 1/26/2015

Executive Action: SB 87: TABLED

**HEARING ON SB 189**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:59 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 189, Clarify that wolf management funds may be used for public education.

[EXHIBIT\(fis20a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis20a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:40 Ken McDonald, wildlife division administrator, Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis20a03\)](#)

00:15:29 Ben Lamb, Greater Yellowstone Coalition (GYC)

[EXHIBIT\(fis20a04\)](#)

00:18:29 Dagmar Riddle, Whitehall

[EXHIBIT\(fis20a05\)](#)

00:22:47 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:24:57 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon (MA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis20a06\)](#)

00:25:32 Rhonda Lanier, board member, Wolves of the Rockies

00:28:26 Marc Cooke, president and board member, Wolves of the Rockies

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:30:47 Keith Kubista, self

00:34:21 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:36:00 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF), Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:38:46 Sen. Hinkle

00:40:55 Mr. Lamb, GYC

00:41:29 Sen. Vincent

00:45:22 Mr. McDonald, FWP

00:46:47 Sen. Vincent

00:50:38 Sen. Phillips

00:52:01 Sen. Ripley

00:58:39 Mr. McDonald

00:58:45 Sen. Vuckovich

01:00:38 Mr. McDonald

01:01:47 Sen. Fielder

01:03:29 Mr. McDonald  
 01:04:28 Sen. Fielder  
 01:04:44 Chair Brenden  
 01:04:56 Sen. Fielder  
 01:05:02 Mr. McDonald  
 01:05:21 Sen. Facey  
 01:07:23 Mr. McDonald  
  
 01:07:42 Sen. Vuckovich left the hearing.  
 01:08:19 Sen. Fielder left the hearing.  
  
 01:08:41 Sen. Hamlett  
 01:09:14 Mr. McDonald  
 01:09:26 Chair Brenden  
 01:10:35 Sen. Vincent  
 01:10:53 Sen. Phillips  
 01:11:34 Sen. Hamlett  
 01:15:29 Sen. Phillips  
 01:16:40 Chair Brenden  
 01:17:00 Sen. Phillips  
 01:17:16 Chair Brenden  
 01:19:00 Mr. McDonald

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:19:19 Sen. Phillips

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 87**

01:22:19 **Motion:** Sen. Phillips moved that **SB 189 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:22:31 Sen. Phillips  
[EXHIBIT\(fis20a07\)](#)

01:23:19 Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:24:05 **Motion:** Sen. Phillips moved that **SB 87 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:24:21 Sen. Ripley  
 01:25:10 Sen. Phillips  
 01:26:10 Sen. Hinkle  
 01:26:59 Chair Brenden  
 01:29:09 Sen. Hamlett  
 01:29:41 Sen. Phillips  
 01:29:56 Sen. Hamlett  
 01:30:46 Chair Brenden

01:30:53     **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Brenden, Sen. Hinkle, Sen. Smith and Sen. Vincent voting no. Sen. Fielder and Sen. Vuckovich voted by proxy.

01:31:48     **Motion:** Sen. Phillips moved that **SB 87 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:31:55     Sen. Vincent  
01:34:34     Sen. Facey  
01:35:34     Sen. Phillips  
01:35:54     Sen. Hinkle  
01:39:09     Chair Brenden

Sen. Fielder entered the hearing.

01:40:24     **Vote:** Motion failed 3-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Vuckovich voting aye. Sen. Vuckovich voted by proxy.

01:41:11     **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 87 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Vuckovich was excused.

**Committee Business:**

01:41:33     Chair Brenden  
01:41:55     Sen. Hamlett  
01:42:09     Sen. Phillips  
01:42:21     Chair Brenden  
01:42:30     Sen. Fielder  
01:42:48     Chair Brenden  
01:42:59     Sen. Fielder

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:44 pm

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Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fis20aad.pdf](#))